

75 Years Since Founding of Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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The Democratic People's Republic of Korea was founded 75 years ago. The country had freed from Japanese imperialist occupation a few years earlier and started building an independent society under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung. In 75 years, the DPRK has developed a backward agricultural society to a powerful industrialized country, where basic services are equally available to all people. The DPRK has free healthcare, free education from kindergarten to university, housing is affordable, and to all people are guaranteed a job. Taxation has also been waived in the DPRK.

We should find out ourselves how this development has been possible.

The DPRK has been developed just from the beginning towards independence, based on the Juche idea developed by President Kim Il Sung. President Kim Il Sung has described the three basic principles of independence, which are independence in politics, self-support in the economy, and self-reliance in national defense.

Political independence

Political independence requires that society must be developed based on the needs of the people, considering the specific characteristics of the country. If we start promoting the interests of big capital, we will go further and further away from independence. This unfortunate development is also very visible in Finland.

However, independence does not mean isolation. The DPRK is ready to cooperate with all states based on equality. Bourgeois media claim that the DPRK is isolated. Apparently, according to the imperialists' understanding, the country is isolated if it

does not submit to act according to the imperialists' orders.

Under no circumstances are the imperialists ready to cooperate based on equality. The imperialists are interested in stealing the DPRK's natural resources or increasing their influence on the Korean Peninsula so that it only benefits the imperialists, not the Korean people.

Self-support in the economy

For being politically independent, the country must also be economically independent. In the DPRK, all supplies and services necessary for human livelihood are produced by themselves, with their own natural resources and relying on own know-how and power.

The source of well-being is work. In a capitalist system, the owner of the production means takes part of the added value produced by the worker for his own use. This proportion can be very high. In socialism, on the other hand, the added value produced by the worker remains for the use of the entire nation. The masses cannot be independent and masters of their own destiny if the owner of the production means, the capitalist, takes a large part of the surplus value and decides how it is used. Therefore, the work for independence is also the work for socialism.

In the capitalist system, part of the workforce is permanently excluded from work, they are unemployed. Unemployment is needed in capitalism so that workers' wage level could be kept artificially low, and the capitalists would therefore take a larger part of added value made by workers themselves.

In contrast, full employment prevails in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which in turn increases the independence of the masses. Working as a part of society is a basic need for every human being.

We have a lot of examples of countries that have not invested in self-sufficiency and because of that have come under the control of the imperialists. In fact, the most countries are forced to promote the policies of the interests of big capital. The interest of big capital is always in sharp conflict with the interests of the people. In most countries, the sovereignty and independence has decreased. As a matter of fact, the independence and sovereignty has increased only in the DPRK.

Self-reliance in national defense

The DPRK has invested in military power and self-reliance in defense, as the country has been the target of imperialist attacks since its foundation. The young nation was able to repel the US imperialists in the Korean War. The Korean people had seen before the war what kind of achievements and how quickly they could be achieved by building socialism under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung. From the slavery of the Japanese imperialists until 1950, enormous progress was already achieved. The Korean people unitedly opposed the attack launched by the imperialists of the United States.

However, the end of the war did not end the imperialist attacks. They continue in different ways until today. At the beginning of the 20th century, after the collapse of Eastern European socialism, the imperialists strengthened their activities against the DPRK. Under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Il, the Songun policy was introduced, which ensured that the revolution would continue without interruption.

In the 21st century, General Secretary Kim Jong Un developed defense of the nation to a qualitatively new level. At the same time, the imperialists have targeted against the DPRK very large economic sanctions. Thanks to the long-standing policy of political, economic, and military independence, the sanctions have not collapsed the economy of the DPRK. No country other than the DPRK could withstand such significant sanctions. This shows the great power of the Juche idea.

The Korean people have a high level of ideological awareness. The importance of ideological awareness is very high, because the imperialists are constantly targeting the DPRK at anti-socialist propaganda in the most diverse ways.

Thanks to high ideological awareness, the whole people oppose unitedly the attacks of the imperialists under the guidance of the Leader and the Party. It creates an invincible nation that cannot be defeated by bourgeois propaganda or imperialist weapons.

An important thing for maintaining ideological awareness is also that the theory of Juche idea has been constantly developed to respond to the changed conditions in Korea and the world. The ideological work started by President Kim Il Sung has later been

ingeniously continued by General Secretary Kim Jong Il and General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

By building socialism based on the basic principles of the Juche idea, true independence and sovereignty can be achieved. History has shown that it has not been possible in any other way.

The task for us, researchers of the Juche ideology, is to promote independence on our own conditions and in our own countries. We should learn from DPRK's experience, but it is equally important to familiarize ourselves how the basic principles of the Juche idea could be applied in our own countries. President Kim Il Sung said that revolution cannot be brought. He is right about this. The revolution must start from the needs of the people of our countries.

Today in capitalist countries, is of course very difficult to promote independence because the ideological consciousness of the people is weak and because the capitalist media, the propaganda machine of capitalism, is controlled by capitalists. We have no other way but to get people involved one at a time. This requires continuous work to disseminate the Juche idea and clarify its content to the people.

Even capitalists have a media monopoly, capitalism cannot last forever. The constant struggle to maintain the growth of profit crisis capitalism and causes e.g., increasing wars. As conditions deteriorate, people can become receptive to other kinds of thoughts.

The history of the DPRK has been a great example of the power of the Juche idea and the importance of leadership. Building socialism in the DPRK has not been easy. However, it has progressed all the time. If we want to change the world, disseminating and applying the Juche idea in our own countries is the only way to do it.